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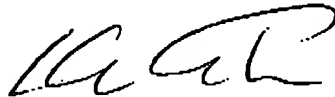
Dear Ex. TRAN

I believe the proposed amendment to claim 2 on the following page is allowable over Longley and Tomkinson because:

- 1) Claim 2 was allowable over Longley
- 2) Tomkinson, in the discussion of claim 16-17 and 20, has no motivation to add a spring (see, Allowable subject matter, paragraph 7. I believe this reasoning is also applicable to claim 2.

Please confirm that the proposed claim amendment would be allowed. I plan on amending claim 17, 20 and 24 as suggested in your office action to place the case in condition for allowance.

Regards,



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